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Running for the finish line

Marathoners sprang from their starting positions to begin their trek through the streets of Calgary Sunday morning during the 51st annual Calgary Marathon. Photos and story in metroNEWS. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

LGBTQ support now law

EDUCATION

Bill 10 could be challenged in court: Lawyer

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Alberta's new education boss says he'll put his ministry's weight behind Bill 10, which requires support for gay-straight alliances in schools, but a city lawyer said he believes the legislation could land in court.

The new measures taking effect Monday specify the requirements for school boards to support LGBTQ students, said Education Minister David Eggen, and there's no wiggle room for school bodies that say they already support vulnerable students with clubs using different names.

The legislation came after a tense fall legislative session that divided MLAs within the ranks of the then-governing Tory party.

John Carpay, a Calgary lawyer and president of the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms, said he's aware of Christian and Muslim school groups that have told the province they won't comply with Bill 10 on the basis it violates parental rights and religious freedoms.

"I'm not aware of anyone who's planning to challenge the law on Monday in the abstract, but I think we will get into a particular fact scenario and there could be a court action arising from that," Carpay said.

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CPS veteran has sketched more than 200 faces in 17 years

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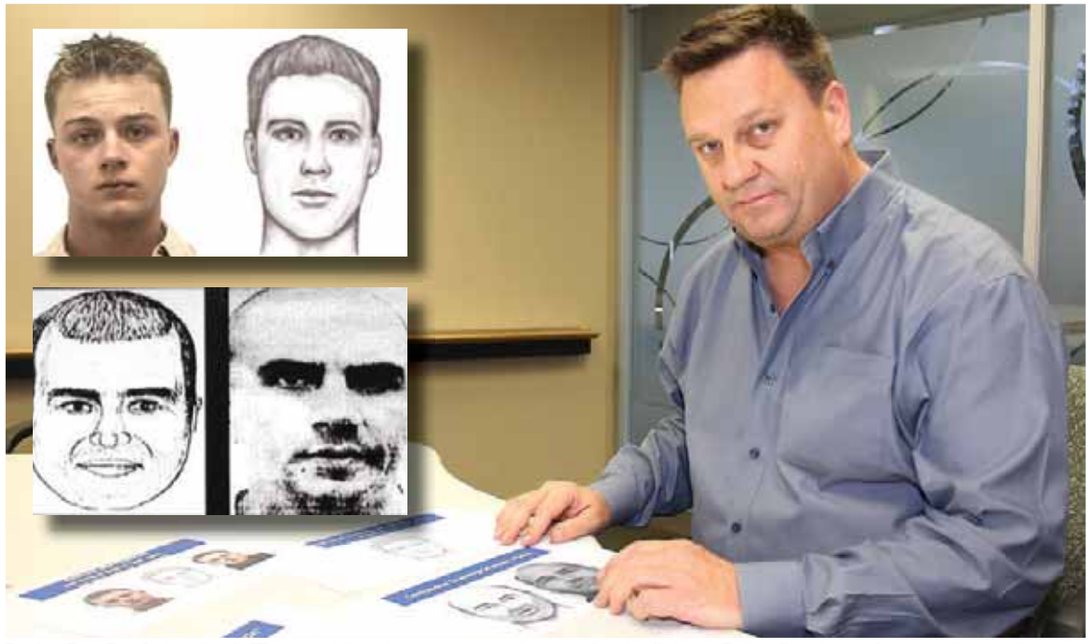

During Det. Ren Lafreniere's 17 years of drawing composite sketches for the Calgary Police Service, he's created more than 200 illustrations and has helped police capture some of Calgary's most violent offenders, including the Falconridge Rapist, inset top, and the Beltline Rapist, bottom. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO; INSET: CONTRIBUTED

When a violent offender attacks, members of the Calgary Police Service sometimes have no way of identifying a suspect: no photos, no video — just a description.

But for the service's senior composite sketch artist, Det. Ren Lafreniere, a description may be all he needs.

A 34-year CPS veteran and a pioneer of the craft, Lafreniere has been a detective in the sex crimes unit since 2004 and currently oversees its cold-case section.

He has put a face to the otherwise faceless, with "well over" 200 sketched suspects, and he's played an integral role in capturing some of the city's worst offenders, including Andrew Jefferson, the infamous Falconridge Rapist, and Wafid Delaa, also known as the Beltline Rapist.

The veteran detective said he has "yet to come across" a victim who doesn't have a good mental image of the attacker.

"There are always lasting impacts on victims — especially with violent offences," he said. "I like the fact that I can sit down and draw that offender and give a face to a guy that thinks that he's gotten away with it — and you'd be surprised at how often we've had that happen."

Lafreniere began drawing comics in his youth and started out sketching freehand. Since his humble beginnings, he's received extensive training and can now complete a composite sketch in 20 minutes, noting expediency is critical.

"They're effective tools if they're done right, and if you get them out there in a timely fashion, you're going to take advantage of … people in our city that want to help," he said.

"They realize that if we have a serial offender or a violent sexual offender out there, it's no good for anybody. We want to get them off the streets as quickly as possible."

With five sketch artists currently working for the Calgary police, Lafreniere said, he "takes umbrage" when people say technology may be better suited to generate the images.

"There's nothing better than the human eye," he said, adding as an artist, he's able to adjust his drawing over and over until it's as close as it can possibly be.

Supt. James Hardy, who oversees CPS's special investigations division, said in many cases, the sketch is extremely important.

"Those images, in a lot of cases, are the only first step that we have in a file," he said.

Hardy explained that while police may have collected a DNA sample from an attack, if it doesn't return a hit from the National DNA Data Bank, police still need an identity — a person — from whom they can obtain a comparison sample.

"We're using them more and more frequently with investigations," he said. "It's a great investigative tool to get the information out.

"The more people that see it, the better chance we have of solving our case."

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Principals can choose to show budgets to parents

EDUCATION

Group hopes more people get a peek into the books

Jeremy Nolais
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Representatives with a Calgary parent group say they've made headway in a push to have the budgets of individual city schools made public.

The Calgary Board of Education does publish a high-level budget annually ahead of debate on the document by its elected trustees, but the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils said they believe more could be done to involve parents in how dollars are funneled into classrooms.

Mike McIntosh, interim CAPSC president began arguing weeks ago for the budget documents belonging to Edgemont School, where he has a child attending classes.

After weeks of receiving "non-answers," CAPSC representatives sat down with a few of the Calgary Board of Education's trustees and say they were told that parents do have the right to view school-by-school budgets.

McIntosh said the ruling from the board could be precedent-setting for parents.

"In an environment where it's tougher and tougher to get dollars, I think you need to be more proactive about providing solutions and looking at the way things are structured and coming up with advice," McIntosh said. "I'm a big believer that the more information you have, the more communication you have and the better the partnership could be."

It's believed impacts to the public school board's classrooms will be minimal this fall, as the board did initially dip into its operating reserve to close the majority of a $30-million shortfall spurred by a controversial March budget from the past Tory government.

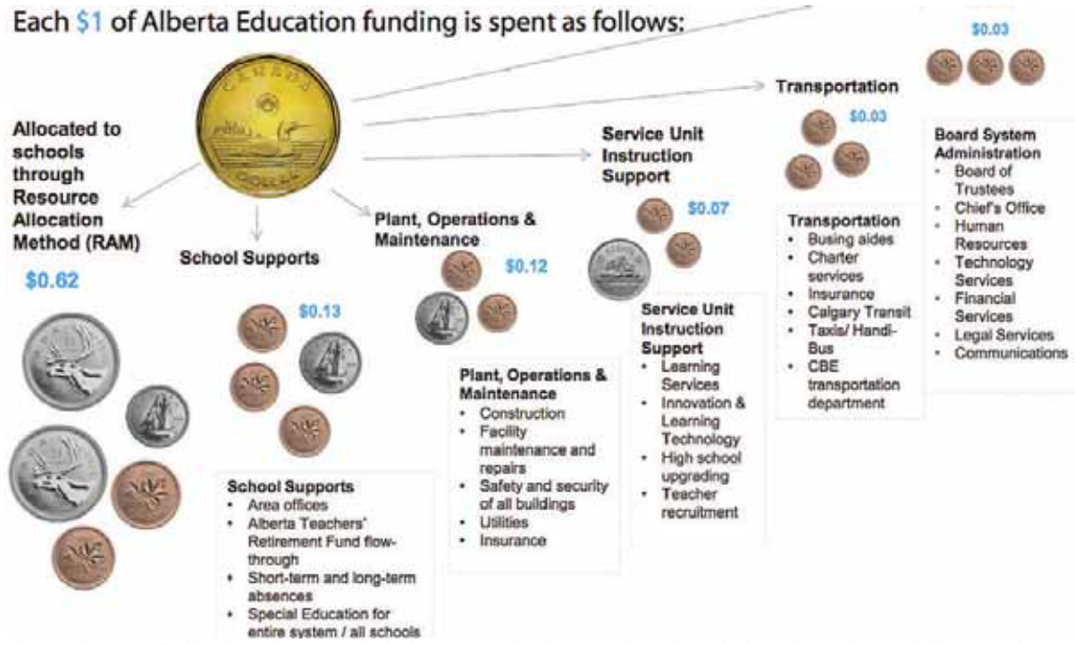
Now, it appears even that may not be necessary at all, as the new NDP government could send as much as an additional $37.2 million the CBE's way this coming school year, according to documents posted online.

The NDP announced an initial $103 million boost to provincial education late last week, and more could be coming once a fall budget is tabled.

Asked to verify CAPSC's claims about school budgets, however, the board said the decision on whether to release the financial documents rests with principals.

"School budget documents contain sensitive information and we must follow FOIP (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) and privacy requirements when making decisions regarding sharing of the documents," the board said in a statement.

"In the spirit of open collaboration, principals may choose to share copies of the budget or general, high-level information from the document with the community."



This graphic, supplied by the Calgary Board of Education earlier this year, shows how the board spends each dollar it gets from the province. Some parents, however, say they want more specific information on budgeting decisions made in specific schools.
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HEALTH

Alberta to ban menthol smokes

Menthol cigarettes are set to come off of Alberta's store shelves starting this fall.

On Sunday, Health minister Sarah Hoffman announced the new ban on menthol-flavoured tobacco products, which will begin on Sept. 30.

Hoffman said preventing menthol cigarette sales would help prevent youth from taking up smoking.

"Today's announcement will help fewer Alberta families go through the pain of a tobacco-related illness," she said.

The previous Progressive Conservative government created a ban on all other flavoured tobacco — which comes into effect June 1 — but their bill exempted menthol cigarettes.

Les Hagen, with Action on Smoking and Health, which has advocated for the menthol ban, said Alberta is taking the lead.

"We're talking about thousands and thousands of youth who will not become addicted to tobacco and will not suffer the consequences of tobacco use down the road," he said.

Nova Scotia has a similar ban and is facing a legal challenge from Imperial Tobacco.

Hoffman said the Alberta government is convinced the law can withstand any challenge.

Angeline Webb, with the Canadian Cancer Society, applauded the government's move.

"A quarter of all cancer deaths are related to lung cancer, so in order to make progress on cancer in any meaningful way, we have to prevent kids from smoking," she said.

Webb said tobacco companies have to get new smokers to take up the habit and menthol was a key way to do that.
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A photo taken at the Glenmore Reserve. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

Learn why the grass is greener

URBAN CONSERVATION

New eco rating tool could help Calgarians understand health of parks

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Curious Calgarians wondering why the grass is greener in one park over another may soon have an answer, and a way to keep track of their favourite green space's overall health.

The city's parks department is trying to change how the public understands the health of their green spaces by publicizing what is referred to — right now — as a habitat condition rating, or Ecological Integrity Index.

This rating, calculated with many ecological factors in mind, could give everyday folks a window to understanding how natural areas are managed while giving the department a more detailed understanding of park needs. It's also believed to be the first project of its kind by a city parks department.

"We would be using this to make better use of the budget we have," said Chris Manderson, urban conservation lead with the City of Calgary Parks department. "Find the critical areas, like if we do some work in this area we're really helping connectivity in a sector of the city, that sort of thing."

The details are still being worked out, but Manderson said the parks department hopes to create a portal for Calgarians to peruse by December 2015, later adding it to the city's open data set.

"It's still being fully developed," said Manderson. "We were looking at a way of saying, well, how can we characterize their condition over time? How well are they doing? ... and we're looking at the idea of, could we distill those factors that we track into some kind of number, so we could talk publicly about how well our park system is doing from an ecological health perspective."

> **We were looking at a way of saying, well, how can we characterize their condition over time?**
> Chris Manderson

He said the tool, which will take form as some kind of overall "rating" or number will then help the department answer questions as to why certain green spaces are thriving in Calgary while others need help.

EDUCATION

More school funds planned for fall budget: NDP

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Alberta's NDP government has confirmed that more money is planned for the province's expanding school system in the coming school year over and above the $103 million announced Thursday.

But Cheryl Oates, a spokeswoman for the office of Premier Rachel Notley, said any additional funds still need to be approved in a new annual budget planned by the week-old government for the fall.

Her comments Saturday came after Metro analyzed the government's own funding documents and found that school boards, all told, were being promised an additional $213 million for operations over what was pledged by the past Progressive Conservative government in its March budget.

"The $103 million that the government announced on Thursday is the amount estimated to be required to restore cuts and fund enrolment growth for schools for the period September 1, 2015 to the end of the government fiscal year at March 31, 2016," Oates said in an email.

"Estimates provided to school boards cover the entire school year September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016. This funding allocation will be included when we put forward a full budget in the fall."

On Friday, when provided the NDP's new education funding figures, the opposition Wildrose accused the government of either making a major accounting error or attempting to hide plans for additional education funds.

Oates said, however, the additional $110 million is not set in stone, as it hinges on how many actual students enrol in the province.

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Lilac Festival in full bloom

More than 100,000 people packed 4th Street SW in Mission Sunday for the annual kickoff to Calgary's festival season with the Lilac Festival. We've captured a handful of a moments from this year's event

LUCIE EDWARDSON/FOR METRO

1. A dancer from Alive Danceworks poses before her routine at Sunday's Lilac Festival.

2. Some of the Lilac Festival's spookier guests decided to come down and brighten the day.

3. Falun Dafa drummers perform during the Lilac Festival Parade.

4. Brazilian drummers do a curbside demonstration for those enjoying the sun and the fun.

5. A balloon artist along 4 Street takes a break to strike a pose.

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Company aims to stem event waste with composting, bicycle valet

Colin Smith, owner of Green Event Services, said that he was determined to change one thing about the beloved 4th Street Lilac Festival: its environmental impact.

With more than 100,000 people in Mission enjoying the city's kickoff to the summer festival season on Sunday, Smith had his work cut out for him.

This is Green Event Services' second year managing the Lilac Festival's waste, and Smith said they planned to reduce the festival's environmental impact by an additional 30 per cent from 2014.

"Last year we didn't ask the vendors to do anything differently, we just co-ordinated the recycling and then dealt with the waste that was being created on site," said Smith.

"We were able to divert 45 per cent of that, through compost and recycling, from ending up in a landfill and this year we hope to divert 75 per cent."

Smith said that steps taken to meet the waste-reduction target included banning Styrofoam and encouraging food vendors to use compost-friendly containers.

"It's currently the best solution to reduce event waste. If we can compost instead of (sending it to the) landfill, then that is a huge win."

Additionally, Green Event Services encouraged visitors to cycle to the event by offering a bike valet.

Lilac Festival volunteer Sara Tokhanbeigi said that she got involved with the festival to help with the environmental initiative.

"People are taking the time to sort their waste and make sure it's going in the right place and that will help us (to) help our environment," she said.

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This young girl had the best seat in the house at Sunday's Lilac Fest.

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Calgary resident Diana Coulter bids farewell at the Calgary International Airport Sunday night. She will be among 40 Canadian Red Cross volunteers headed to earthquake-stricken Nepal. LUCIE EDWARDSON/FOR METRO

Canadian workers bring aid to Nepal

RELIEF

Calgary woman one of 40 going to region hit hard by quakes

Lucie Edwardson
for Metro | Calgary

While millions of Nepalese people rebuild after two earthquakes in less than a month devastated their country, the reality of the destruction seems far from home for many Canadians.

But for Canadian Red Cross delegates like Calgary resident and Red Cross communications adviser Diana Coulter, the destruction and chaos experienced by the people of Nepal is about to become her reality.

For the next three weeks, Coulter will join approximately 40 other Canadian Red Cross delegates with the relief efforts after the 7.8-magnitude quake April 25 near the Lamjung district killed 8,800 and injured more than 23,000.

"They're in full emergency mode still and I think a lot of people believe that the worst is over, but in fact it's a long process to rebuild your life," said Coulter.

As the encroaching monsoon season threatens to worsen the plight of the Nepalese people, Coulter said it's essential for the Red Cross and other relief effort teams to help them prepare for what could happen.

"People have lost so much over there and to add to it the monsoon season is coming up which is quite concerning," she said.

"The Red Cross is quite concerned about how that could further destabilize buildings and cause more landslides and the threat of disease."

8,800

The death toll from the 7.8 magnitude earthquake of April 25 near the Lamjung district. Another 23,000 people were injured.

> **"It's a long process to rebuild your life."**
> Diana Coulter

Coulter worked with the Red Cross Alberta Flood team in 2013 and said she's always wanted to do volunteer internationally for the Red Cross and is happy to have the chance.

"It's a great opportunity to try and get over there and get on the ground and try and do something good for people," said Coulter.

Coulter will be stationed out of the Canadian Red Cross field hospital in Dhunche where they are currently treating more than 1000 people.

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Artist fuelled by his conditions

D.J. CAISSIE

Narcolepsy accidentally made a painting career possible

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

Local artist D.J. Caissie never thought driving a truck would lead him to work as a full-time painter.

Seven years of long drives and winding roads was how Caissie imagined the rest of his life would be, until he was diagnosed with narcolepsy.

With extreme exhaustion leaving him unable to drive, Caissie picked up something he'd always wanted when he was younger: a paintbrush.

"I thought (driving) was going to be my job for the rest of my life, but then it became almost impossible to do," Caissie said. "I was always tired at the wheel, and it was getting to the point where I was scared I was going to hurt somebody."

It's only been six months since Caissie took a leave from work, and already he's finished more than 100 paintings. Dubbing himself an abstract expressionist, Caissie's paintings are textured with things like bits of sponge and old iPhone cases before they're coated with colour.

D.J. Caissie has completed more than 100 paintings since he had to leave his truck-driver job six months ago due to narcolepsy. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

Despite finally being able to pursue what he realized he's always wanted to do, Caissie's struggle with another condition, cataplexy, makes work difficult sometimes.

Characterized by loss of muscle function when experiencing extreme emotions, Caissie said he ends up collapsing when he's upset or even when he's laughing too hard.

He said it happened most recently when a neighbour came by to check out his gallery; Caissie was experiencing strong emotions discussing his paintings, and collapsed to the ground.

> **"I was always tired at the wheel, and it was getting to the point where I was scared I was going to hurt somebody.**
> Artist D.J. Caissie on having to quit driving because of narcolepsy

"Sometimes it happens even laughing at my own jokes," Caissie said. "You feel like you're going to collapse, or you fully collapse. And I know what's happening, I can hear people talking and then my vision goes blurry…"

But for Caissie, part of the healing process comes from painting. He said his conditions caused him a lot of anxiety in his life he didn't fully notice before, and now he's able to express himself and how he sees the world around him.

"I want to leave my footprint on the world," he said. "They (paintings) all have meaning — I'm a real person, and I'm not going to lie about my life."

IN BRIEF

Alberta fire ban lifted, officials remain cautious

Alberta government officials have lifted a provincewide fire ban due to improved conditions and the efforts of firefighters.

However, officials caution that many fire bans and restrictions still exist in areas of the province and the wildfire outlook continues to be severe. The province said Friday that eight new wildfires had been reported in the last 24 hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary C-51 protest draws 150 on Saturday

They called it a funeral for the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. On Saturday 150 people gathered at Calgary's City Hall to voice their opposition to the federal government's recently adopted Anti-Terrorism Act, also known as Bill C-51.

Nyall Code, one of the event organizers, said he hopes the demonstration sends a message to Canada's government. "This bill flies in the face of everything that Canadians stand for," he said.

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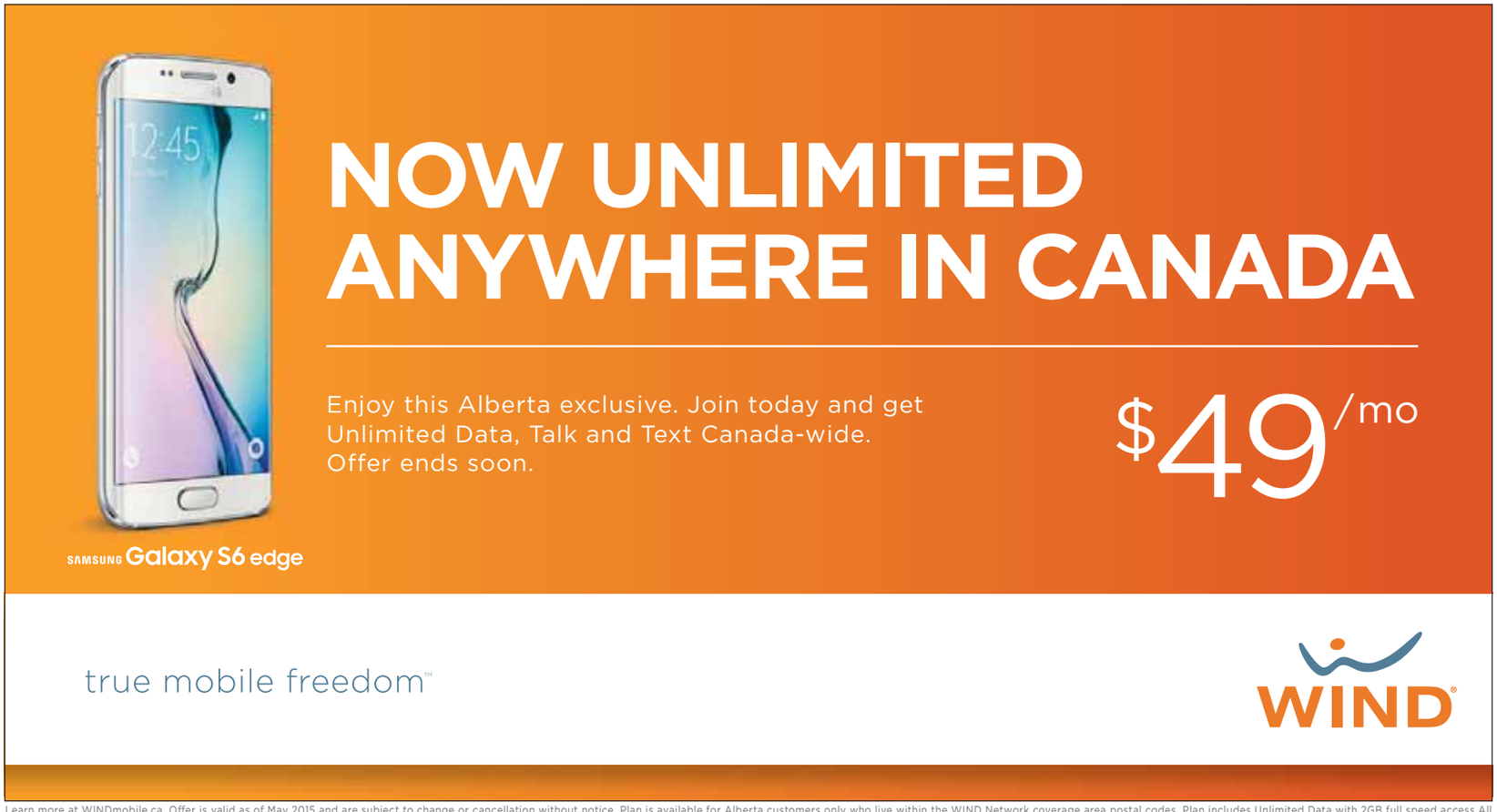

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METROPHOTOS

51st Calgary Marathon

Runners took to the streets of Calgary for the 51st Calgary Marathon. 12,000 participants were treated to a gorgeous day to run 5-, 10-, 21- or 42-kilometre races.

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

Some 12,000 people donned brightly coloured shoes and slapped on their running numbers for the Scotiabank Calgary Marathon, Canada's longest-running road race.

Kirsten-Ellen Fleming, executive director for the marathon, said from the elite athletes running the 50-kilometre ultra marathon to new runners trying out the 5-km, she was amazed at the outpouring of support from the Calgary community.

"It's something that brings people together," Fleming said. "It's just extraordinary to see people be remarkable after months of preparation and training. And some of them against odds they didn't think they could overcome, it's really inspiring."

Leah Savarie, a first-time runner in the 10-km race, said she got involved this year after joining a running group at school.

"I never really was a runner, but now having people to run with and having a goal at the end ... it's a good thing to have," Savarie said.

Fleming added that with almost 1,500 volunteers, 12,000 runners and 90 charities partaking in the race's 51st anniversary, she said they're already planning for next year's race.

Jonathan Kipchirchir Chesoo from Eldoret, Kenya took first place this year with a time of 2:17:12, and Lioudmila Kortchaguina from Markham, Ont. claimed first place in the women's division with a time of 2:48:23.

Voted the Best Road Race in Alberta the last six years in a row, the Scotiabank Calgary Marathon hit another milestone, raising $1 million before noon.

> **Against odds they didn't think they could overcome, it's really inspiring.**
> Kirsten-Ellen Fleming

Above left: Athletes take off from the Stampede Park starting gates for the 51st Scotiabank Calgary Marathon. **Above right:** Runners in the 10-kilometre marathon prepare with some pre-race stretching Sunday morning. **Right:** Runners Reanna Sokolovic, left, and Karine Samson show off their hard-earned metals after completing the half-marathon race. **Left:** The only wheelchair racer in the 50-km category takes off Sunday morning for Calgary's biggest running race of the year.
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FIGHTING CANCER

Team Tamara walks together in marathon fundraiser

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Tugging on their grey Team Tamara T-shirts, family, friends and colleagues of long-time Calgary Herald reporter Tamara Gignac came together at the Scotiabank Calgary Marathon to celebrate her life.

Gignac's husband Heath McCoy, a fellow journalist and author, had been planning to walk alongside his wife for the 5K race Sunday in support of the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

But after a gruelling 11-month battle with Stage IV colon cancer, Gignac passed away Friday night.

"The really heartbreaking thing was Tamara was supposed to be part of this," McCoy said. "It meant so much to her to do this. The fact that she can't do it … I'm at least going to show up."

Heath McCoy (middle) sees support from Team Tamara at Sunday's marathon race. McCoy's wife, long-time Calgary Herald reporter Tamara Gignac, passed away Friday night after a long battle with cancer. ANNA BROOKS/METRO CALGARY

McCoy said the brave, passionate woman he'd fallen in love with pushed him to come out and race, and will continue to do so even though she's gone.

"The way she faced this cancer, 15, 16 rounds of torturous chemo … she fought it so fiercely. She never gave up and fought to the very end," Heath said. "It's important to continue on. She's no longer with us, but cancer isn't beating our family. We're still here, we're not finished."

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>
> Heath McCoy, husband to Calgary Herald reporter Tamara Gignac, who died from cancer

Colette Derworiz, a fellow Calgary Herald reporter who interned alongside Heath back in 1999, said she remembers covering his Saturday shift so he could propose to Tamara.

Derworiz said after such a heartbreaking weekend, Team Tamara would march not to mourn, but to remember.

"We decided to treat today like a big group hug," Derworiz said. "Tamara would have loved this … she loved the sun. It's a pretty special day."

When Gignac was first diagnosed last summer, Team Tamara came together for a fall fundraiser that raised $110,000; the donations went to medical costs and allowed Gignac to spend her last week on a sandy beach with McCoy and their two children Bronwyn and Finn.

McCoy said his family is so grateful for all the support they've seen over the past year, adding that it's a testament to how much Gignac impacted the lives of everyone who knew her.

"These people who are here, they mean the world to my family, they meant the world to Tamara," he said. "She touched so many people with the things she wrote over the last year … she expressed herself so eloquently and I think she inspired a lot of people."

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Deaths at residential schools need more study: Commission

Assembly of First Nations Chief Perry Bellegarde (in headdress) and Justice Murray Sinclair (in black suit), TRC commissioner, march during the Walk for Reconciliation, part of the closing events of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Sunday in Gatineau, Que. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Justice Sinclair estimates 6,000 kids died

The commission that has spent five years examining one of the darkest chapters in Canada's history is winding up its work with a key question left unanswered — exactly how many aboriginal children died in residential schools?

Justice Murray Sinclair, who heads the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, says the federal government stopped recording the deaths around 1920 after the chief medical officer at Indian Affairs suggested children were dying at an alarming rate.

"He was fired," Sinclair says. "The government stopped recording deaths of children in residential schools, we think, probably because the rates were so high."

Sinclair has guessed up to 6,000 children may have died at the schools, but it's impossible to say with certainty.

More than 130 years after the first residential schools were established to "take the Indian out of the child," the commission will release a summary of its six-volume final report on Tuesday. It will include testimony from survivors, as well as numerous recommendations.

The commission didn't originally intend to examine how many children never came home, but it quickly emerged as an issue, Sinclair says.

Schools were often crowded, poorly ventilated and unsanitary. Children died from smallpox, measles, influenza and tuberculosis. Some were buried in unmarked graves in school cemeteries, while others were listed as "missing" or "discharged." In some cases, parents never found out what happened.

Some provinces handed over death certificates to the commission, but Sinclair says the work is far from over.

The $60-million commission was part of a landmark compensation deal between Ottawa, the Crown and residential school survivors. It visited hundreds of communities and heard testimony from 7,000 survivors, including graphic details of rampant sexual and physical abuse.

The legacy of the schools is evident today, Sinclair says. High poverty rates, a large number of aboriginal children in foster care, a disproportionate number of aboriginals in jail and hundreds of missing and murdered aboriginal women can all be traced back to residential schools, he suggests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

150K

More than 150,000 First Nations, Inuit and Métis children were taken from their families and forced to attend government schools over much of the last century.

Female Mounties seek class-action suit

At age 22, Quebec native Joanne Mayer was greeted at her first RCMP posting in Gibsons, B.C., with a handshake and a blunt statement from the sergeant: "We don't think women should be in the force, and especially not French-speaking ones."

Mayer said that along with her regular duties, she spent over two years doing "sexist" chores including making coffee, ensuring there was an ample supply of cream and sugar, and cleaning police cruisers. Now, Mayer has joined hundreds of other former and current RCMP members hoping for justice over alleged gender discrimination, bullying and harassment with a potential class-action lawsuit.

A five-day hearing to determine certification of a class-action proceeding involving 362 women is set to begin Monday in B.C. Supreme Court.

Lawyer David Klein said that while he believes the RCMP has been taking steps to reduce harassment, people who have made allegations are still being challenged on every statement they make. THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLICE

Rollout of carbines criticized

RCMP officers who raced to a New Brunswick neighbourhood under siege by Justin Bourque say the force has failed to supply them with recommended guns and training, months after a report urged the organization to do just that.

Some frontline officers, who spoke to The Canadian Press on the condition that they remain anonymous because they are not allowed to speak publicly, say they fear for their safety because most members still do not have carbine rifles or training on how to use them.

One RCMP member says officers feel they are outgunned and are increasingly bitter that repeated calls for better weaponry over the last decade haven't prompted a swift response from RCMP headquarters. He says only four people in his detachment of about 80 members have been trained on the Colt C8 carbine, a semi-automatic weapon that is highly regarded for its accuracy and long range. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Challenge coming for succession law

MONARCHY

Profs reject way U.K. law was adopted by Ottawa

The birth of Prince George before his sister Charlotte averted the need for a major change in British tradition.

But the recent law that changed the rules of royal succession will be challenged in Quebec court beginning Monday, and could have political consequences in Canada.

The challenge could even force Ottawa to undertake a round of constitutional negotiations, say the lawyers behind the suit.

In 2011 — while the world wondered if the firstborn of royal couple William and Kate would be a boy or a girl — the leaders of the 16 Commonwealth countries agreed to change the succession rules to allow an eldest girl to become queen.

Before the change, she would have been passed over in favour of her brother.

The Harper government implemented the change by a simple federal law in 2013.

According to Patrick Taillon and Genevieve Motard, law professors at the University of Laval, this was a change to Canada's constitution that should have required the consent of the provinces, which Harper didn't seek. They are aiming to have the law declared unconstitutional.

The professors have the support of Quebec's Attorney General and — improbably — a monarchist league, the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust.

The government argues that the modification made by the British Parliament concerning the monarchy applies automatically under Canadian law — Ottawa had only to pass a law giving "assent," with no need for a constitutional change.

Those who are contesting the law say the British Parliament lost its right to legislate for Canada with the repatriation of the Constitution in 1982. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prince William and Prince George. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WILDLIFE

Good for the goose, but not the gander

After more than a decade of devastating huge swaths of Arctic tundra, booming populations of snow geese may have finally stabilized.

But scientists say the teeming flocks, which have turned fertile grasslands into salty mud flats, are still at unheard-of levels and have forced wildlife managers to consider a whole new problem.

"We've always wanted more (wildlife) and protected them and saved them and increased their numbers," said Dave Duncan, manager of population conservation for the Canadian Wildlife Service. "Just in the last little while wildlife management is faced with this new conundrum of overabundant species."

In the last 20 years, new farming methods have resulted in better food supply along the big white birds' migration routes and their population has responded.

Nesting colonies now are so large the birds are destroying their own habitat.

"It's incredible," said the National Wildlife Research Centre's Paul Smith, who studies the birds on Nunavut's Southampton Island.

"In the spring, when the ground is wet, they'll dig up what's called the rhizome of the grass, the starchy root. Once they've grazed the grass down to such a short level that it's not useful to them any more, they dig up this starchy root.

"They'll convert an area that was once covered in grass to exposed mud. When this mud is left exposed, the evaporation rate goes up and you get this salt crust on the top. Then it's very difficult for plants to recolonize."

Years of relaxed hunting rules up and down the migration route didn't help much.

But something seems to have finally stalled growth, says Environment Canada scientist Ray Alisauskas.

"It appears that the population may be stabilizing, but not because of reductions in survival of adults. It's this density dependence that reduces the number of young per adult."

There's more good news. Duncan said that at least some ravaged colony sites along the west coast of Hudson Bay appear to be recovering.

Still, 15 million snow geese are enough to significantly alter the Arctic ecosystem.

Some birds, such as sandpipers or longspurs, appear to suffer from huge flocks. Others, such as king eider ducks, seem to benefit. Polar bears, forced off the sea ice earlier and earlier, are learning to stuff themselves on goose eggs.

A cull? The logistics are challenging — what do you do with two million dead birds? — and the costs are high.

"Environment Canada's position is to more fully understand the extent of the impact of snow geese on the broader ecosystem, not just at local levels ... before going that route of a cull," Alisauskas said. "We want to understand the science a lot better than we do." THE CANADIAN PRESS

15 million

In the 1970s and '80s, there were between two and three million snow geese in central North America. Now there are about 15 million.

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> **We don't know enough about the magnitude and extent of the damage in the Arctic.**
>
> Dave Duncan, manager of population conservation, Canadian Wildlife Service

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NSA's surveillance programs expire

COUNTERTERROR

U.S. Senate fails to extend deal ahead of midnight

The National Security Agency is losing its authority to collect Americans' phone records in bulk, after Republican Sen. Rand Paul stood in the way of extending the fiercely contested program in an extraordinary Sunday session in the Senate.

But that program and several other post-9/11 counterterror measures look likely to be revived in a matter of days. With no other options, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell reluctantly embraced a House of Representatives-passed bill that would extend the provisions that expire Sunday at midnight.

Although the lapse in the programs may be brief, intelligence officials warned it could jeopardize Americans' safety. But civil liberties groups applauded as Paul, who is running for president, forced the expiration of the once-secret program made public by Edward Snowden.

The Senate voted 77-17 to move ahead on the House-passed bill, the USA Freedom Act, which would require the government to search records maintained by phone companies.

The White House backs the House bill. "The Senate took an important — if late — step forward tonight. We call on the Senate to ensure this irresponsible lapse in authorities is as short-lived as possible," White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said.

But the Senate adjourned without final action on the bill after Paul said he would assert his prerogative under Senate rules to delay a final vote for several days.

"This is what we fought the revolution over, are we going to so blithely give up our freedom?" Paul said. Fellow Republicans exited the chamber en masse when he stood up to speak.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., walks to the Senate Chamber on Sunday. CLIFF OWEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In addition to the bulk phone collections provision, two lesser-known Patriot Act provisions also lapse at midnight. One, so far unused, helps track "lone wolf" terrorism suspects unconnected to a foreign power. The second allows the government to eavesdrop on suspects who continually discard their cellphones.

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INDIA

Intense heat wave to last another day

Despite hopes that weekend thundershowers would help end a raging heat wave in southern India, the rain brought only limited relief as the death toll since mid-April approached 2,200.

Officials said Sunday that the scorching heat was likely to continue for another day in worst-hit Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states.

Daytime temperatures hovered between 45 and 47 degrees Celsius in parts of the two states over the weekend, 3 to 7 degrees Celsius above normal, said K.Y. Reddy, a director of the Meteorological Center in the Telangana state capital of Hyderabad.

Andhra Pradesh has been hit the hardest, with 1,636 people dying in the state from the heat over the past month and a half, a government statement said. Another 561 people have died in neighbouring Telangana, said Sada Bhargavi, a state disaster management commissioner.

Twenty-two people have died in northern Uttar Pradesh state over the past two weeks, said Raj Shekhar, a state government official. The Press Trust of India news agency said 21 people have died from the heat in eastern Orissa state, seven in western Gujarat state and two in New Delhi, India's capital.

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IN BRIEF

John Kerry breaks leg in bicycle accident

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry broke his leg in a bicycle crash Sunday after striking a curb and scrapped the rest of a four-nation trip. He planned to return to the United States on Monday.

Kerry was staying overnight in a Swiss hospital as a precaution, State Department spokesman John Kirby said.

Kerry, 71, fractured his right femur after crashing his bike near Scionzier, France, about 40 kilometres southeast of the Swiss border.

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SAN DIEGO MARATHON

Cancer survivor oldest woman, at 92, to finish 26-mile event

A 92-year-old cancer survivor rocked her way into the record books Sunday, becoming the oldest woman to finish a marathon.

Harriette Thompson of Charlotte, North Carolina, completed Sunday's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in San Diego in 7 hours, 24 minutes, 36 seconds. She was mobbed by well-wishers as she crossed the finish line.

"I'm fine, they're really pampering me here," Thompson said in a firm, joyful voice as people all around her shouted congratulations.

This was her 17th Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and, by far, the hardest.

"It's always harder but this year has been a bad year for me," she said, adding her husband died in January following a lingering illness and she battled a staph infection in one of her legs.

"I couldn't train very well because my husband was very ill and I had to be with him for some time and then when he died in January I had some treatments on my leg," she said. "I was just really thrilled that I could finish today."

The oldest woman to previously complete a marathon was Gladys Burrill, who was 92 years and 19 days old when she completed the 2010 Honolulu Marathon.

Thompson is 92 years, 65 days old, according to race organizers.

Despite her training woes, she nearly matched her finish time of last year, which was 7 hours, 7 minutes, 42 seconds. That set a record for a woman 90 or older, shattering the old one by more than an hour and a half.

A classically trained pianist who played three times at Carnegie Hall, Thompson says she mentally played old piano pieces she had performed to help her get through the 26 miles, 385 yards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harriette Thompson, 92, became the oldest woman to finish a marathon Sunday.
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U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY

Exiled Nazis kept benefits: Report

Elfriede Rinkel's past as a Nazi concentration camp guard didn't keep her from collecting nearly $120,000 in American Social Security benefits.

Rinkel admitted to being stationed at the Ravensbrueck camp during World War II, where she worked with an attack dog trained by the SS, according to U.S. Justice Department records. She immigrated to California and married a German-born Jew whose parents had been killed in the Holocaust.

She agreed to leave the U.S. in 2006 and remains the only woman the Justice Department's Nazi-hunting unit ever initiated deportation proceedings against. Yet after Rinkel departed, the U.S. Social Security Administration kept paying her widow benefits, which began after her husband died, because there was no legal basis for stopping them until late last year.

$20.2m

Approximately 133 suspected Nazi war criminals, SS guards and others received $20.2 million in social security benefits between 1962 and 2015.
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Rinkel is among 133 suspected Nazi war criminals, SS guards, and others that may have participated in the Third Reich's atrocities who received $20.2 million in Social Security benefits, according to a report to be released later this week by the inspector general of the Social Security Administration. AP obtained a copy of the report.

The payments are far greater than previously estimated and occurred between February 1962 and January 2015, when a new law called the No Social Security for Nazis Act kicked in and ended retirement payments for four beneficiaries. The report does not include the names of any Nazi suspects who received benefits. But the descriptions of several of the beneficiaries match legal records detailing Rinkel's case and others.

The large amount of the benefits and their duration illustrate how unaware the American public was of the influx of Nazi persecutors into the U.S., with estimates ranging as high as 10,000. Many lied about their Nazi pasts to get into the U.S. and even became American citizens. They got jobs and said little about what they did during the war.

Americans were shocked in the 1970s to learn their former enemies were living next door. Yet the U.S. was slow to react. It wasn't until 1979 that a special Nazi-hunting unit, the Office of Special Investigations, was created within the Justice Department.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., requested that the Social Security Administration's inspector general look into the scope of the payments following an AP investigation, which was published in October 2014.

AP found that the Justice Department used a legal loophole to persuade Nazi suspects to leave the U.S. in exchange for Social Security benefits. The Justice Department denied using Social Security payments as a way to expel former Nazis.

Efraim Zuroff, the head Nazi hunter at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem, said the Justice Department did what was necessary to get Nazi suspects out of the U.S. But "it's a travesty," he added, that so many of them ended up keeping their benefits.

"The issue is the principle here — do you sign deals with Nazis to get them out of the country?" he said Sunday. "The Department of Justice said yes, but who wants to think that taxpayer dollars went to people who served as guards in camps? On the other hand, the government was trying to maximize what it could do with the tools that they had." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Artists at helm of careers

MUSIC INDUSTRY

Canadian musicians taking care of business

With his extravagant wiry beard, thick black-rimmed glasses and a mop of unruly hair, Ben Caplan doesn't look like a typical businessman.

But the Halifax-based musician is one of many Canadian artists who are at the helm of their careers, handling the business side of their music.

It's a rising trend in the music industry, said Caplan.

"If you want to make a living as a musician, particularly as a songwriter, I think you have to have some entrepreneurial sensibility," the folk singer-songwriter said.

"You've got to be able to treat it like running a business and to think about it like running a business because essentially that's what it is. You are a small business owner and you are an entrepreneur."

Even Juno Award-winning artists are jumping from major labels to take full control of their careers. Toronto R&B artist Jully Black, who left Universal Music several years ago, said self-represented artists are not a trend but an "evolution."

A Toronto-based program says it is filling a void in the Canadian music industry by helping artists learn how to run their own careers.

Vel Omazic, executive director of Canada's Music Incubator, said the innovative program teaches artists about the business of the music industry.

> **You've got to be able to treat it like running a business.**
> Ben Caplan

He said nowadays, industry officials like labels and publicists are not willing to work with artists until they have established a "viable business."

Omazic said technology and social media have played huge roles in empowering musicians to run their own show.

But he said artists also shouldn't expect to find overnight success.

"That whole myth about throwing your video up on YouTube (and being discovered) is like buying a lottery ticket," he said. "It's about putting in the time and putting in the work ... There's no short-cut."

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Ben Caplan, a Nova Scotia musician, runs his career as a small business and takes responsibility for promoting and controlling his artistic expression. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WINE TRADE

Australia pushing for more access

Australia is pressuring a reluctant Canada to lower trade barriers on its wine industry, pushing for similar concessions that were won by the European Union, The Canadian Press has learned. An internal memo from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development says Australia is pushing for greater market access for its wine in Canada as part of the ongoing negotiations of the Trans Pacific Partnership.

Australia is citing gains made by the EU in its comprehensive agreement in principle with Canada — known by the acronym CETA — which was announced in late 2013, but is still being finalized.

Canada is pushing back because it doesn't appear to want a repeat of the concessions it offered Europe under CETA in the TPP talks, which includes 12 countries from Asia, the United States, Mexico, Canada and Australia.

The April memo is significant because it sheds light on the opaque nature of the TPP talks, which have faced heavy criticism for being unaccountable to the public. It also demonstrates something that many analysts have seized on: that the wins and losses in CETA would have implications in other major trade deals.

CETA removed several non-tariff irritants and add-on service fees imposed on European wine and spirits exports. It also eliminated a federal requirement that all imported foreign spirits be blended with Canadian spirits.

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BANKING

NDP tabling motion to ban pay-to-pay fees

Flush from its success in getting rid of the tax on feminine hygiene products, the NDP wants the House of Commons to abolish so-called "pay-to-pay" fees charged by big banks.

The official Opposition will introduce a motion on Monday calling for an end to such practices as charging for paper bills and for the adoption of a financial code of conduct to protect consumers.

Andrew Cash, the NDP's consumer protection critic, is tabling the motion as part of his ongoing efforts to get rid of banking user fees.

It comes after a separate NDP motion was unanimously approved by the Commons last week to exempt feminine hygiene products from the GST.

That motion passed after women in the Conservative caucus threatened to boycott the vote if their party didn't approve.

The so-called tampon tax was seen as discriminatory towards women, but Cash says the fees charged by banks for paper bills are bad for all Canadians.

Last year, the government blocked telecommunication and cable companies from charging fees for paper bills last year, but excluded banks from a similar ban.

Cash said his motion is to be debated on an opposition day in the Commons on Monday.

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IN BRIEF

Bidding opens for lunch with Warren Buffett

Billionaire Warren Buffett will again try to sell the world's most expensive lunch this week to raise money for a San Francisco charity that helps the poor and homeless. Over the past 15 years, Buffett's lunch auction has raised $17.9 million for the Glide Foundation. The 16th annual lunch auction starts Sunday with a $25,000 US minimum bid on eBay, and continues until 9:30 p.m. CDT Friday. Last year's auction winner paid $2,166,766 for a private audience with Buffett, the investor who leads the Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate. The only limit on the lunch conversation is what he might invest in next, but any other topic is open and Buffett stays for hours to answer questions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Woman leaves $200,000 Apple I for recycling

A recycling centre in the Silicon Valley is looking for a woman who dropped off an old Apple computer that turned out to be a collectible item worth $200,000 US. Victor Gichun of Clean Bay Area says the woman dropped off boxes of electronics that she had cleaned out from her garage after her husband died. She didn't want a tax receipt or leave her contact information, and it wasn't until a few weeks later that workers at the recycling centre opened the boxes to discover an Apple I computer inside. Gichun sold the computer to a private collection, and he wants to split the proceeds with the mystery donor.

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Amanda Easton, Calgary

What are you up to?
It is my first time at Lilac Festival today, so we are just checking out the shops, and then hopefully we will hit some beer tents afterwards. We are really enjoying it. It is amazing to have this nice weather and maybe get a tan.

What is your commute?
I'm in the Beltline, and I do drive. I probably should walk, though. I drive about 10 minutes to downtown for work.

What are you binge-watching or reading right now?
Brooklyn Nine-Nine. It is hilarious. It just makes me laugh, and it is just really different and really cool.

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An infill-crazy city can't keep home prices sane

KLASZUS' CALGARY
Jeremy Klaszus

Has Calgary gone a little too infill-crazy in recent years?

As I watch simple bungalows in my inner-city neighbourhood get replaced by luxury homes and sleek duplexes, unaffordable for a large swath of the population, I can't help but wonder.

Not long ago, in 2012, Calgary held a celebration of so-called "Century Homes"—100-year old houses constructed before the First World War, during Calgary's first building boom. The effort recognized the character and colour that old homes give to a neighbourhood.

This citywide commemoration of old homes has seemingly given way to the demolition era (though with less intensity now, due to the economic slowdown): buy an old house, knock it down, build a new unit. Or better still, two units — one to live in, one to sell or rent to help pay for everything.

Old homes that were recently celebrated for their character are often marketed as redevelopment opportunities. Of course, nothing lasts forever, and the cost and time required to maintain an old home can be more trouble than it's worth — but it's not just century-old housing stock disappearing. Post-war homes are going, too.

Suddenly $600,000 houses, barely within reach for some buyers, become duplex units that sell for $900,000 each.

There are some clear benefits to this transformation. The city's chief planner, Rollin Stanley, is a booster of infill duplexes because they bring more life to areas that have seen their populations dwindle over the past 20 years of shrinking household size.

That decline choked the life from many inner-city schools and businesses. Putting more households on a lot can help bring that vitality back.

"When you see a lot divided with an older bungalow turned into two units, that's actually a good thing because it's repopulating our neighbourhoods — which may get us back up to the threshold where we'll see more services come back along the commercial street a couple blocks away," Stanley told me in an interview last fall.

You can see that happening throughout Calgary's inner city. Schools that were on the verge of closing a decade ago are now filled beyond capacity. Local businesses have a better shot at success with more people living nearby.

The downside is that the middle class that helped build these neighbourhoods in the first place, giving them their distinct feel and character, gets forced out. The new homes are too expensive.

The upper class can then move in and reap the benefits: walkability, bike lanes, trendy restaurants and retail, vibrant street life, close proximity to downtown and so on.

Calgary is hardly alone in this conundrum. Just look at Vancouver, where some of the most livable neighbourhoods in the country have ridiculously unlivable prices.

I hope the economic slowdown will give pause so Calgary can find the right balance between building infills and keeping older housing stock around.

Jeremy Klaszus is a freelance journalist and stay-at-home dad. He tweets at @klaszus.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

It's time to apologize for the persecution of gays and lesbians

It was dubbed the fruit machine.

Created by the Canadian government in the 1960s, it was supposed to determine if you were gay.

It could be from a John le Carré novel, but it's a real part of our government's history of terrorizing gays and lesbians in the civil service. And it's past time for an apology.

Developed by a Canadian psychologist, the fruit machine measured pupil dilation and palm sweat as you viewed images of half-naked men or women. On top of that came intrusive questions about masculinity and femininity, all in a bid to scientifically deduce your sexuality.

The fruit machine never made it out of the testing phase. It was scrapped in 1967. But investigations, interrogations and dismissals of gay employees continued for decades.

Throughout the Cold War period, the government viewed gays as a security risk whose "character weakness" left them susceptible to blackmail, said Laurentian University professor emeritus Gary Kinsman.

"Thousands and thousands of people were investigated by the RMCP during these years."

You've likely not heard about this. You soon will.

Activists, NDP MPs and victims of the purge will gather on Parliament Hill Tuesday to demand an official government apology for Canada's so-called war on queers (the title of a book co-authored by Kinsman). It's not the first such call. But let's hope it's the last.

First and foremost, for people like Christine. In the late 1970s, she was interrogated and lost her job in the military for being a lesbian.

She was asked, "Do you like to masturbate in front of a mirror? Who takes the garbage out? Do you use a dildo? Do you hate men?" according to a statement from the We Demand an Apology Network.

Investigators demanded suspects like Christine give the names of other gays, and denied them security clearances for promotions. Fear led people to closet themselves and, in some cases, commit suicide, Kinsman said.

For the victims, an apology would bring closure and restore honour. For the rest of us, it would reveal the truth.

We need to hear about this hunt that ruined careers and lives. We need to hear about the science-fiction-esque fruit machine and the bigoted philosophy behind it.

Keeping silent would implicitly condone discrimination that is, in different ways, still happening today.

Homophobia has no place in our government. It's time to step up and declare it never did.

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The sharing economy

The Uber effect changes everything

ON-DEMAND

Services at the touch of a screen keep expanding

A taxi app. A ride-sharing company. A mobile-based car service.

Uber, invariably described as one of the above, will face Toronto city hall's lawyers on Monday to argue over whether it operates as an unlicensed cab service.

Last week, Edmonton cab drivers marched in protest at city hall, shouting "shame, shame" because they say the ride-sharing program doesn't fall under the same regulations they do. City councils from Calgary to Ottawa are trying to figure out how, and if, to regulate this new and growing business.

But don't let the regulatory fight distract you: Uber isn't really about cars.

Uber's app now connects ride seekers to drivers in more than 300 cities. But the explosive success of its business model — service delivery at the tap of a touch screen, usually provided by casual contractors — is so widely imitated that it's even launched new lingo in the tech startup world: "It's like Uber for X," or "Uber for fill-in-the-blank," has become an eye-rolling cliché among the tech press corps.

Among the range of what are sometimes called "on-demand mobile services," there are Uber-like apps for groceries, babysitters and valet parking. There are others for manicurists, bodyguards and medical marijuana. Uber itself offers food delivery in four cities, including this one.

You don't have to like Uber — and the aggressively expanding company has attracted its fair share of criticism. But you should know that any licensing-and-standards squabble is just one corner of a bigger conversation about technology, jobs and digital disruption.

Below are some of the other services the Uber model has spawned. (Unlike Uber itself, few are available in Canada — so far.) TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Uber for laundry

In the Washio app, users set a 30-minute pick-up window for their dry cleaning and laundry. A "ninja" comes to get the clothes and returns them a day later, clean.

Uber for groceries

Apps like Instacart let users fill up a virtual grocery cart. When they hit the "buy" button, shoppers — freelancers who receive a notification based on their location — pick up the goods and pocket part of a flat fee.

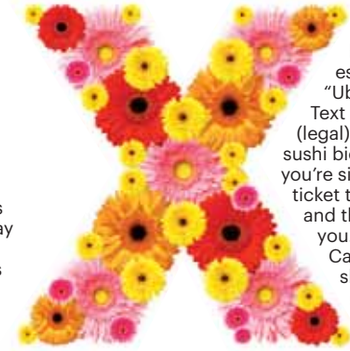
Uber for takeout

In an increasingly crowded field, apps like Caviar, SpoonRocket and UberEATS let users tap on a restaurant-cooked meal option and have it delivered to their door or desk by couriers (or by Uber drivers during the low-volume lunch hour).

Uber for child and pet minding

Apps such as Urbansitter and the Toronto-based DateNight connect parents with local, available and vetted childminders, while services including DogVacay and Doggy-BnB link pet owners with walkers and sitters.

Uber for anything (legal) you want



A startup called Magic went viral last year after billing itself as the quintessential "Uber for X," or "Uber for fill-in-the-blank." Text an operator anything (legal) you want — a plate of sushi bicycled to the park bench you're sitting at, an airplane ticket to Portugal, a puppy — and the service will get it to you. Uber co-founder Garrett Camp recently launched a slicker version of a similar get-me-anything service, a personal shopping app called Operator.

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Google and Levi's launch tech fabric

TECHNOLOGY

Science and heritage join forces for new clothing line

Google has announced that it's working with iconic U.S. jean maker Levi Strauss to create clothing from specially woven fabric with touch-screen control capabilities.

The Internet titan used its annual developers conference in San Francisco to reveal Project Jacquard and spotlight Levi Strauss as its first partner.

Named after a Frenchman who invented a type of loom, Project Jacquard is the brainchild of a small Google division called Advanced Technology and Projects (ATAP). ATAP is different from the Google(x) lab that develops big-vision innovations such as self-driving cars.

"We are enabling interactive textiles," said Emre Karagozler of ATAP. "We do it by weaving conductive threads into fabric."

FUTURISTIC THREADS

Conductive yarn developed by Google can be woven into any textile, from car seat fabric to power suits.

The special threads can be woven into a wide array of fabrics and be made to visually stand out or go unnoticed depending on designers' wishes.

Conductivity can be limited to desired parts of fabric or spread across entire cloth.

"It is stretchable; it is washable," said Karagozler. "It is just like normal fabric."

Any fabric in anything from suits or dresses to furniture and carpet, could have computer touch-pad style control capabilities woven in.

Conductive yarn is connected to tiny circuits, no bigger than jacket buttons, with miniaturized electronics. These electronics use algorithms to recognize touches or swipes, ATAP said.

The data can be sent wirelessly to smartphones or other devices, enabling actions such as making phone calls or sending messages with a mere brush of fabric. AFP

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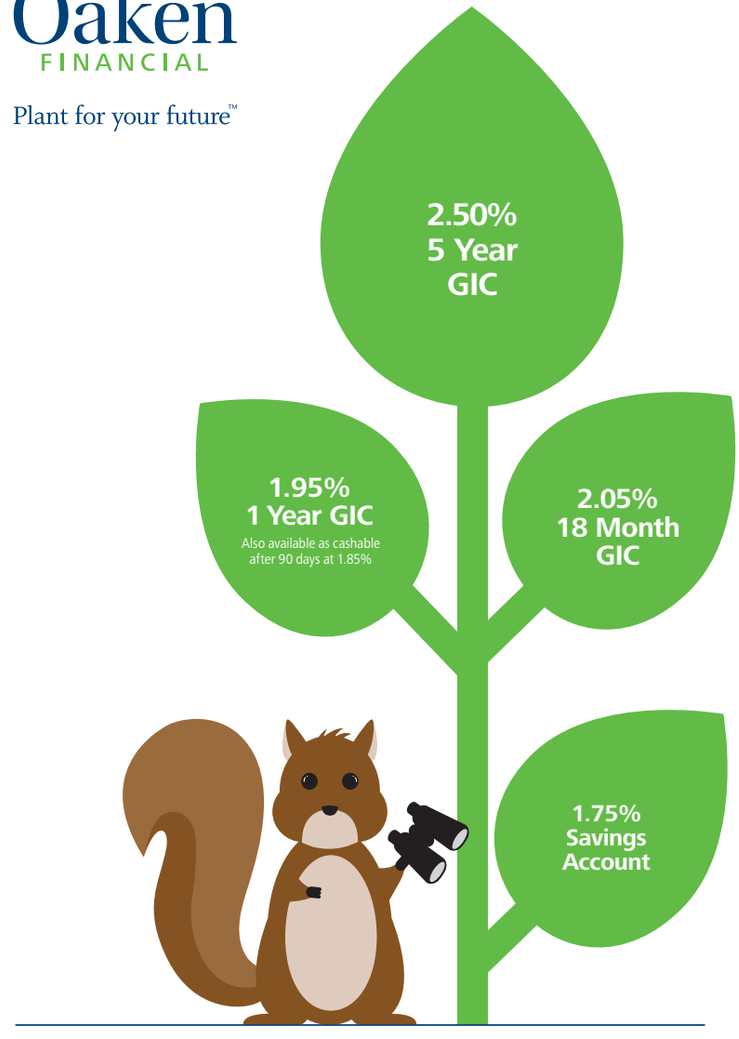

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How to say no to superiors

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Taking on extra work can mean performing below par

OFFICE RELATIONS
Eleni Deacon

There should be a payoff if you take on beyond-your-job duties. ISTOCK

Your days are so packed with meetings and emails that you barely have time for work. You've got a report due next Wednesday and a presentation the following morning. You stay late at the office and spend Sundays catching up. But when your manager asks for help on a new project, you cheerfully agree — despite having long surpassed max capacity. After all, isn't it bad to say no to your boss? Not necessarily.

While no employee wants to appear unco-operative, excessive compliance sends an equally dangerous message: that you're never not on call. It can be uncomfortable to assert boundaries — but it's even more uncomfortable to exhaust yourself by accepting a not-humanly-possible pile of work.

When tasked with beyond-your-job duties, assess the request. Is it a meaty project that could give your career a boost? That could be worth shuffling your priorities. Mundane grunt-work with no foreseeable payoff? Your weekend would be better spent at the pool. Learning to say no isn't about constantly saying you can't — it's about saying yes more selectively.

> **It's about saying yes more selectively.**

If the idea of standing your ground makes you shudder, remember that saying no doesn't literally mean saying the word. When your boss presents you with extra assignments, express calm but firm concern. Outline what's presently on your plate and explain that your current endeavours might suffer if your attention is diverted. Don't whine about having too much to do. Keep the focus on maintaining the quality of work, rather than complaining about volume.

Still can't agree to say no? Consider a compromise. Maybe you're too swamped to write that entire debrief, but a few sections might be manageable. And while a big new project just won't fit your sched, you could offer to supervise someone more junior — read: less frazzled — while they learn the ropes. A flat-out no leaves your boss without any option but to insist you do the work. By providing an alternative course of action, you give yourself an out.

Doing a great job doesn't necessarily mean doing every job. Learn to limit your load, and you'll leave room to overperform. Overextend and you're likely to under-deliver.

IN BRIEF

Narcissism in numbers

According to U.K. online publication the Mirror, an average young woman spends five hours a week taking selfies. Hey, it takes a long time to put on makeup, get the hair right, master the perfect pout, find an attractive angle, choose a filter...

Those five hours average out to about 48 minutes a day. It certainly seems like a long time to snap a pretty picture. It doesn't mention any other stats, like how long the average woman spends looking at other people's selfies on Instagram.

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The average number of minutes young women spend snapping selfies every day, according to a study done by the Mirror in the U.K.

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New project for old flames

PUBLISHING

Mindy Kaling and B.J. Novak announce $7M book deal

Mindy Kaling and B.J. Novak say they are indeed writing a book together. The deal is worth at least $7 million, according to publishing officials with knowledge of the negotiations.

The two were on a panel at BookCon on Saturday at the Javits Center in New York. It was organized for Novak to interview Kaling about her upcoming second book Why Not Me? due out in September.

The 35-year-olds — who worked together on NBC's comedy The Office as writers, producers and supporting cast members — said they just started working on the book for Penguin Random House.

"It's very early in the creative process," Novak said. Kaling was more enthusiastic.

"It's going to be awesome," she said. "The ideas that we've had so far have been super exciting."

On The Office, their characters had a dysfunctional on-again off-again relationship. Kaling has publicly stated the two have also dated in real life. She now calls Novak her best friend. The two alluded to their romantic history more than once Saturday, to squeals and laughter from audience members.

Kaling said her first book, 2011's bestselling Is Everyone Hanging Out without Me? (And Other Concerns) was to "introduce the world to me." She wrote it while still working on The Office. Her second book focuses on her life since then. She described it as "incredibly honest and vulnerable."

Kaling is also the executive producer and star of The Mindy Project, a comedy that was just cancelled by Fox after three seasons but picked up by Hulu for 26 episodes.

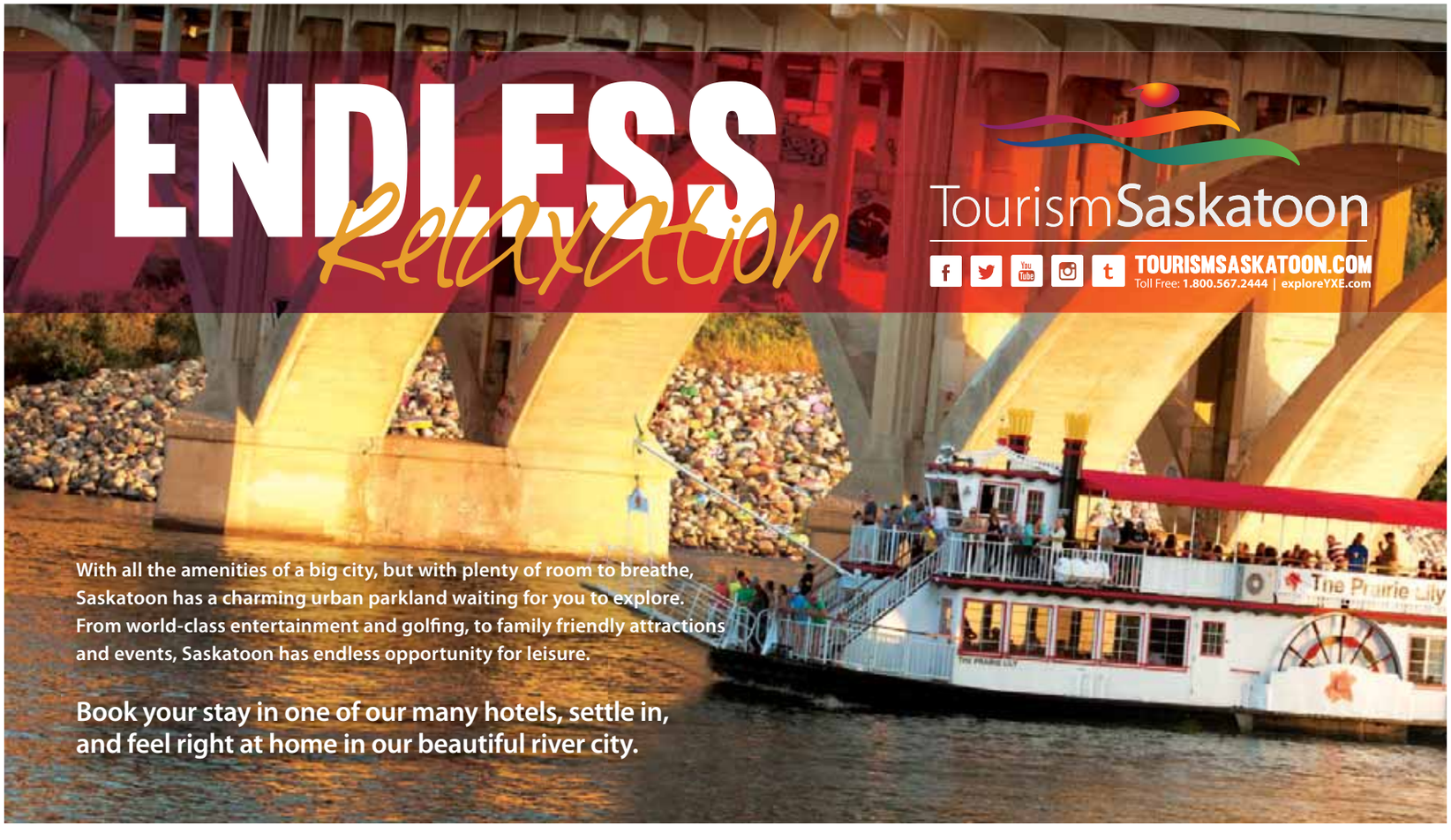
Novak is also a bestselling author. He released a book of short stories and a children's book last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITERARY FANS

When celebrity culture meets publishing biz

Tens of thousands BookCon attendees — far younger and more diverse than the average publishing house or literary agency — lined up for hours to see Khloe Kardashian; waited eagerly to watch Kaling banter with Novak; shed tears at the chance of meeting Sookie Stackhouse, author Charlaine Harris; and toted around suitcases to fill with books.

Mindy Kaling and B.J. Novak announce joint book deal with Penguin Random House. GETTY IMAGES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NATALIE PORTMAN

Some hard lessons

Harvard graduate and Oscar winner Natalie Portman returned to Cambridge this year to speak at commencement, and she used the opportunity to get candid about the difficulties she faced when she first arrived at the school.

"It's easy to romanticize my time here, but I had some difficult times. Being 19, dealing with my first heartbreak, taking birth control that's now off the market due to its depressive side effects," Portman revealed during her speech.

And then there was the whole being in Star Wars thing: "When I got to Harvard just after the release of Star Wars: Episode I, I feared people would assume I had gotten in just for being famous, and not worthy of the intellectual rigour here," she said, adding that she was desperate to prove she "wasn't a dumb actress." NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

KRISTEN BELL

Uber awkward ride

There's a lesson to be learned from Kristen Bell's recent misadventure with Uber: Be careful which option you select, because Uber Pool — the furthest one to the left — means you're sharing your ride.

The Veronica Mars star thought she was getting a normal, iPhone-enabled ride home when things took a turn for the more communal. "Didn't know Uber had a carpool option, but my driver just pulled over and said, 'Gotta pick someone else up.' This should be fun," she tweeted.

But her discomfort is our entertainment, as she went on to live-tweet the incredibly awkward ride, fears for her safety and all: "Not sure where the other rider is headed but we're getting close to my house," she wrote. "Then it occurs to me 'What if he's coming over?'"

Huh. Maybe the lesson is keep using the Uber Pool option because unwitting celebrities might end up sharing some awkward silence with you. NED EHRBAR/METRO

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Now that's dedication: Enrique Iglesias performs while holding his bloodied and bandaged right hand behind his back during a concert in Tijuana, Mexico, on Saturday. FRANCIS RAMSDEN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Enrique soldiers on after drone mishap

FREAK ACCIDENT

Singer slices fingers at show but plays on for half hour more

Enrique Iglesias was recovering Sunday after some of his fingers were sliced when he grabbed a drone during a concert in Tijuana, Mexico.

A representative for the singer said in a statement to The Associated Press that Iglesias was "semi-treated" after the accident at the side of the stage to stop the bleeding on Saturday night. He was advised to end the show but went on to perform for an additional 30 minutes.

"During the show a drone is used to get crowd shots and some nights Enrique grabs the drone to give the audience a Point of View shot. Something went wrong and he had an accident," the statement read. "He decided to go on and continued playing for 30 minutes while the bleeding continued throughout the show."

Concertgoers at Plaza de Toros de Playas posted photos on social media of Iglesias, 40, with blood all over his white T-shirt.

"He was rushed to the airport where an ambulance met him there. He was then put on a plane to L.A. to see a specialist," the statement read. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOUR

Iglesias' show for 12,000 fans is part of his Sex and Love World Tour.

His website says his next show is in July in Mexico City.

GOSSIP NOTES Surreal digs on the market and a big cover shoot

Jackson's Neverland selling for $100M

Neverland, the sprawling California ranch that was once the location of "King of Pop" Michael Jackson's mind-boggling amusement park, is up for sale for $100 million, realtors said Friday.

But an expert said the price tag is "optimistic," given the unproven charges of child molestation that tainted Jackson's final years before his death in 2009.

The late star built up his Neverland Ranch on 2,700 acres outside Santa Barbara to include zoo animals, numerous amusement rides and lavish gardens. It has 22 buildings, according to the Wall Street Journal.

The animals have been removed, save for a single llama, and the property has changed hands and is now called the Sycamore Valley Ranch. An online property listing included pictures of the Normandy-mansion property, complete with pools and fountains, bridges and a decorative shrubbery with the name "Neverland" spelled out above a beflowered clock face. AFP

Aerial view of the Neverland Valley Ranch in Santa Ynez, Calif., in 2001. GETTY IMAGES

Jenner to debut as woman in Vanity Fair

Bruce Jenner is apparently choosing his big moments wisely. While he's kept pretty quiet since his big Diane Sawyer interview in April, the Olympian is reportedly planning to have his first appearance as a woman be the June cover of Vanity Fair.

And I mean, if you're going to live in public, you might as well live in the really good parts of it. Honestly, an Annie Leibovitz-shot Vanity Fair cover is by far the classiest thing to happen to anyone associated with Keeping up with the Kardashians in a long, long time. NED EHRBAR/METRO

If you haven't signed your child up for a summer camp yet, there are still some spaces available. SHUTTERSTOCK PHOTOS

Still time for summer fun

Lucy Haines
For Metro

Since we are less than a month until school lets out for the summer, it's definitely time to find a way to occupy the kids for July and August. If you have procrastinated until now, don't worry. There are still spaces available in many camps around the city, from overnight adventure weeks to closer-to-home half-day and full-day camps.

Though many popular camps are full, there is still space available in just as many, from arts, music and sport offerings, to zany science camps.

Here is a sampling of some of the camps in and around Calgary — there are many more — that are taking registrations.

SAIT Summer Camps, for youth in grades 4-12, is known for hands-on learning and non-traditional offerings for aspiring culinary artists, scientists, business leaders, athletes, engineers and more. Most camps are one week long and are taught by SAIT instructors or industry professionals.

SAIT's latest numbers show that the more than 75 summer camps are 75 per cent full, especially in popular camps for baking, transportation and inventing. Space is still available in the new twisted nutrition class, where students learn to modify recipes for those with special dietary concerns — diabetics, athletes, those who are gluten-free — and perfect for those who have taken cooking or baking classes before. There is still space in extreme robots II, digital video and some soccer camps, too. For the carpentry minded, a four-week home building camp provides lessons in framing a house.

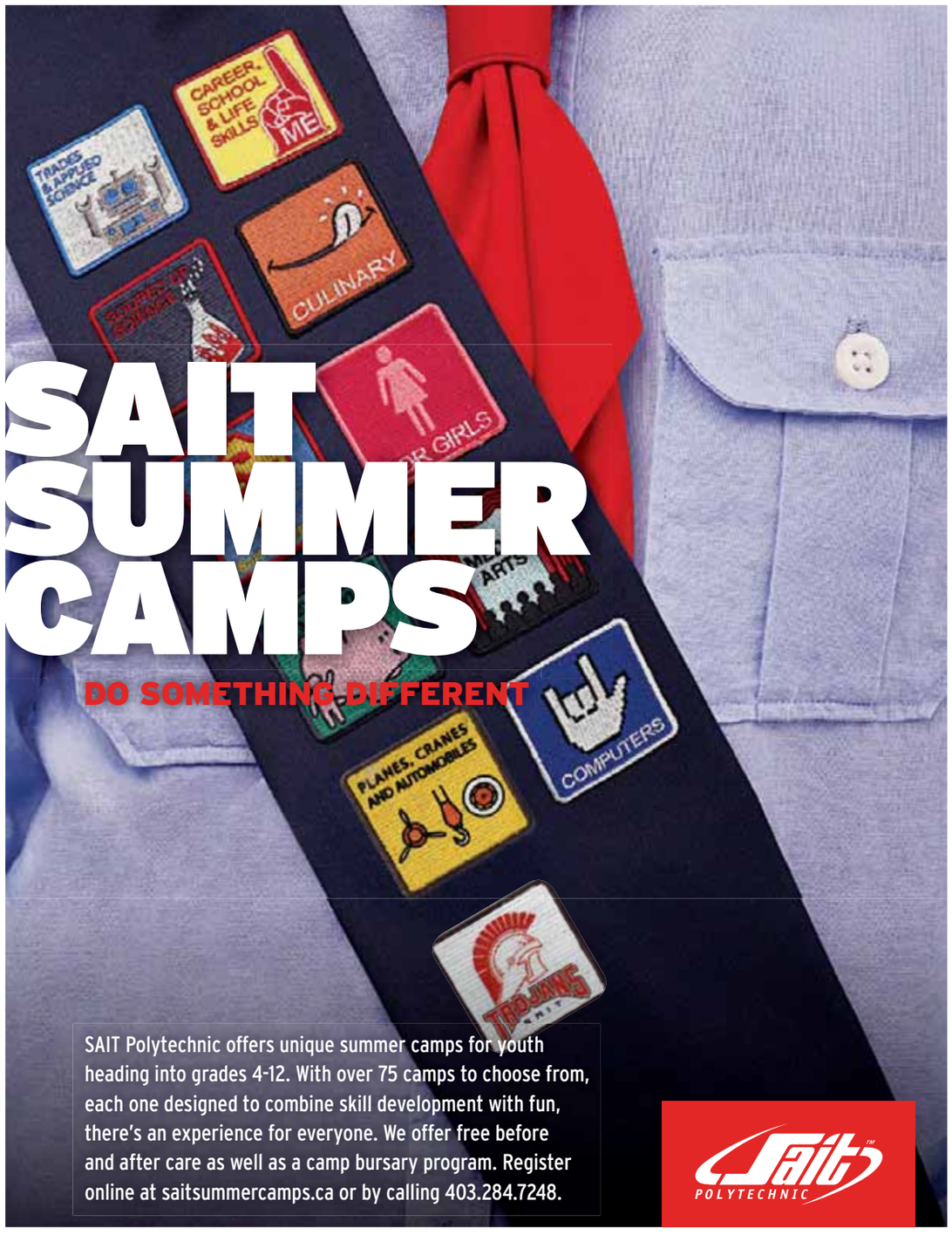
Celebrating 25 years, MRU Kids Summer Camps brings sports, art, computers, science, theatre, leadership and more to kids aged five to 17 through one- and two-week camps at Mount Royal University. Most camps still have space available, including outdoor adventure, youth science, artiste academy, and golf.

New this year, MRU offers a leader-in-training two-week course for 13- to 17-year-olds, which is a fast-paced look at CPR, first aid, developing a lesson plan, creating a resumé and cover letter, as well as some rock climbing and swimming thrown in for good measure.

YMCA Calgary offers day camps at locations across the city, including swim camps, indoor climbing and general camps with field trips. These one- and two-week camps have space available, as does Camp Chief Hector, overnight camps for boys and girls through July and August. The camps are the "best kept secret in town," says YMCA communications manager Carollyne Cheng.

Always affordable, the City of Calgary day camps offer 20,000 spaces in themed camps like zombies and ninjas, swimming, climbing, gymnastics and more. There is a junior golf camp, popular learn-to-sail camps, and half-day camps for the younger set, all with space available.

The City of Calgary recreation program and service staff report that all the programming — quality offerings at a reasonable price — are great for keeping kids active, developing skills, and allowing kids to enjoy being a kid, all while being accessible and close to home.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The New Orleans Pelicans have hired Alvin Gentry as their new head coach

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Stampeders working out a brotherly connection

CFL

Cory Mitchell hoping to crack roster for Grey Cup champs

Calgary Stampeder quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell has a familiar target at training camp. Older brother Cory is among the receivers invited to try out for the defending Grey Cup champions.

Between their back yard in Katy, Texas, and a season as teammates at Eastern Washington, the Mitchell brothers guess Bo Levi has thrown the football to Cory about 1,000 times in their lives.

They didn't add to that estimate in the first session of main camp Sunday as the siblings were working in different groups. Cory hopes their familiarity with each other helps launch his pro career.

"I think knowing his little tendencies and the way the ball comes out of his hand ... with new quarterbacks, you're not sure how the ball comes out," the slotback said. "With him, it's natural."

The 27-year-old completed his college career in December shortly after Bo Levi quarterbacked the Stampeders to a Grey Cup victory. Cory participated in an April free-agent camp in Florida and earned an invite to Calgary's camp.

Wide receiver Cory Mitchell was invited to try out for the Stampeders after participating in the team's free-agent camp in April.
JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"He can run all day long," Stampeder head coach John Hufnagel said. "Great hands. A very intelligent young man.

"I think he'll be a guy, that if he did survive cuts, that would be able to plug and play, meaning that if we needed an 'x' receiver, he'd know the assignments. If we need a 'z' receiver, he knows those assignments."

> **"I've told him I haven't promised him anything.**
> Bo Levi Mitchell on his brother, Cory, trying out for the Stampeders

Bo Levi, 25, and Cory combined on 19 passes for 310 yards and a pair of touchdowns in 2011 in their one season as Eagles teammates. Bo Levi joined the Stampeders the following season.

Cory had 70 receptions for 1,041 yards and five touchdowns at Eastern Washington. He played eight games in 2014 because of a collarbone injury.

The brothers are almost identical in stature — both six-foot-two and about 195 pounds. Bo Levi, 25, wants his brother to make the team, but also said he doesn't want to be accused of familial favouritism.

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FIFA

Ex-VP cites The Onion in panning of U.S.

Former FIFA vice-president Jack Warner renewed his criticism of the United States, where he faces corruption charges, on Sunday by releasing a pair of videotaped comments — one of them based on a story by satirical website The Onion.

"This past week has been a most trying one for me, a most difficult one," Warner said.

Even Sunday wasn't easy, when Warner needed two attempts to get his message across by telling followers that the latest accusations against him stem largely from the U.S. being upset that it did not win the rights to host the 2022 World Cup — which went to Qatar.

In an eight-minute Facebook video, which was quickly deleted after numerous news reports picked up on the gaffe, Warner held up a printout of a fictitious story from The Onion bearing the headline: "FIFA Frantically Announces 2015 Summer World Cup In United States."

The fake story was published on Wednesday, hours after Warner was indicted in the U.S. and arrested and briefly jailed in Trinidad. Warner asked why the story was "two days before the FIFA election" when Sepp Blatter was re-elected as president.

Warner asked "if FIFA is so bad why is it the U.S. wants ... the World Cup?" Additionally, Warner said that FIFA is "the very same organization they (the U.S.) are accusing of being corrupt. That has to be double standards."

Later, in the second video, Warner thanked supporters. He said a number have reached out in recent days since the latest scandal broke.

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MLB

Twins rally to eke out win over Jays

Trevor Plouffe hit a two-run homer, Torii Hunter had a go-ahead double in the seventh inning and the Minnesota Twins beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-5 on Sunday.

The Blue Jays led 5-4 in the seventh after Josh Donaldson's 15th homer, but a throwing error by shortstop Jose Reyes allowed Aaron Hicks to reach safely in the bottom half. One out later, Brian Dozier singled and then Hunter launched a two-run double. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Torii Hunter's two-run double in the seventh inning gave the Twins the lead.
ANN HEISENFELT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Henderson to compete at Pan American Games

Brooke Henderson of Smiths Falls, Ont., headlines the four athletes named to Canada's golf team on Sunday for the upcoming Pan American Games.

The 17-year-old former world No. 1 amateur will be joined by four-time LPGA Tour winner Lorie Kane of Charlottetown.

The men's team is made up of Austin Connelly who resides in Irving, Texas, and Garrett Rank of Elmira, Ont.

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MEMORIAL CUP

Oshawa wins CHL title in overtime

Anthony Cirelli's second goal of the game at 1:28 of overtime lifted the Oshawa Generals to a 2-1 victory over the Kelowna Rockets in the Memorial Cup final on Sunday night.

The Generals won the Cup for the first time since 1990 and became the first Ontario Hockey League team to win since the 2010 Windsor Spitfires.

Tomas Soustal scored in the first period for Western Hockey League champion Kelowna and Cirelli tied it in the second.

Championship game

GENERALS	ROCKETS
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A favourable bounce sent Oshawa on an attack. Goalie Jackson Whistle stopped the first shot from Chris Carlisle but Cirelli was on the doorstep to bang in the rebound in overtime. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jack Warner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

RECIPE Pork Tenderloin with Mango Avocado Salsa

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This tender meat topped with a sweet fruit salsa makes for a great combination of flavours. You can safely cook pork to a medium doneness and enjoy the moistness of this lean meat. Recipe serves 4.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 1/2 lb pork tenderloin (one or two small)
- 3/4 cup finely diced mango
- 1/2 cup finely diced ripe avocado
- 1/4 cup finely diced red bell pepper
- 3 Tbsp finely diced red onion
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced jalapeno pepper
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- Salt

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F. In a skillet or grill pan, sear pork on all sides for about 3 minutes. Place on baking sheet lined with foil and bake tenderloin for about 15 minutes, or until temperature reaches 135 – 140 F for medium doneness.
2. In a bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Slice pork thinly and spoon salsa over top.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 240
- Carbohydrates 2g
- Fibre 1g
- Protein 36g
- Fat 9g
- Saturated Fat 2g
- Cholesterol 110mg
- Sodium 90mg

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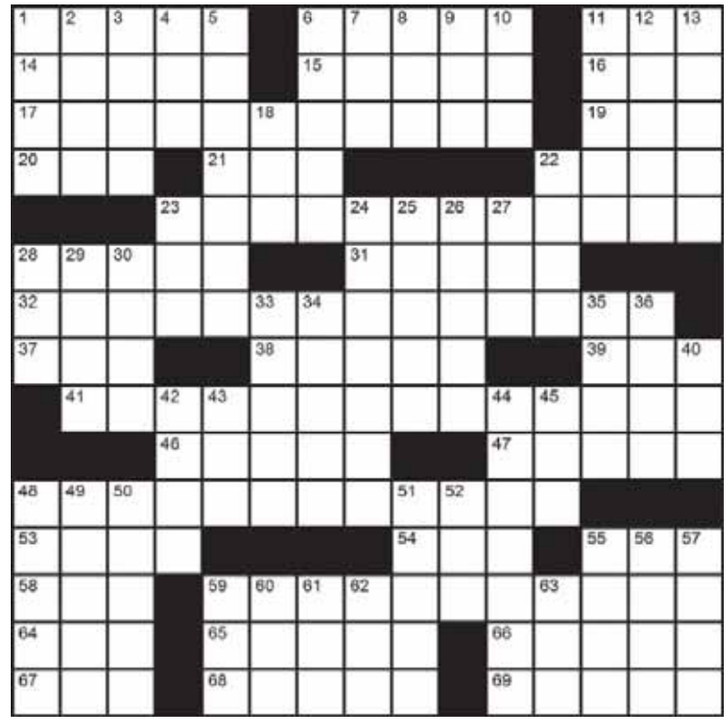

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1. Alberta city just south of Edmonton
6. Some can be tall
11. First Aid _
14. Sch. subject
15. Nimble
16. Tropical cuckoo
17. June 1st & June 2nd, 2015: The Music of _ _ (Edmonton Symphony Orchestra concert featuring songs by a famous British rock band)
19. "This is tasty!"
20. Bear, in Barcelona
21. U's spelled-out follower
22. Merchandise
23. As per #17-Across... Song that goes "Hey fellas have you heard the news?"
28. Previous
31. Marauds
32. "Stay in the Light" band from Niagara Falls: 2 wds.
37. Posh Spice's hubby ...his initials-sharers
38. _ cologne: 2 mots
39. Monopoly road type, briefly
41. CBSA = Canada _ _ Agency
46. Cosmetician Ms. Lauder
47. Actor Jeremy
48. Gatorade, and others: 2 wds.
53. New Zealand fruit
54. French pronoun
55. Boat's distress
58. Overnight roadside stop
59. Type of house layout: 2 wds.
64. Director Spike
65. Mr. Klein, Premier of Alberta from 1992 to 2006
66. Ms. Garbo
67. Psychedelic†drug
68. "_ Days" by Bruce Springsteen
69. Dishwater's characteristic

DOWN
1. "Mission: Impossible" theme music composer
2. '70s Spanish hit: "_ Tu"
3. "Thank You" songstress
4. Pretzels brand
5. Village in the Lower North Shore region of Quebec
6. Gradually
7. Block' suffix
8. Rapper, _ Kim
9. Yalie
10. Pres. Obama's former title
11. Inuit craft
12. Accustom
13. Kitchen gadget
18. _-sized (Small)
22. "What _ _ to do?"
23. Gardening tool
24. _ leg (Pants part)
25. _-annonce (Movie trailer, in French)
26. Stair part
27. Univ. web address word, sometimes
28. Scholarly deg.
29. Luxe-living magazine, _ Report
30. "Not _ _ many words."
33. "Boy _ World" ('90s TV series)
34. Paddled
35. Restaurant chain, with Bell
36. All square
40. 'Lion' suffix
42. Opera singer Ms. Grist
43. Summer hrs. in Ottawa
44. Newfoundland: L'Anse aux Meadows historic people
45. U.S. tax bureau
48. Talent
49. Hankers
50. Had
51. Fidgety
52. "Yees!" opposite
55. Plant's beginning
56. Chooses
57. Dog training command
59. Assoc.
60. Buddy
61. Jeff Lynne's gr.
62. American airer since '71
63. French vineyard

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
The problem you will be faced with today is the same problem you have faced many times before. Get it right this time and hopefully it won't bother you again.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Life isn't as tough as you seem to think it is. You have everything you need to accomplish your ambitions and find contentment both in your personal life and in your career.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Refuse to worry about a relationship issue. Tomorrow's full moon is sure to resolve the situation, after which you can move on, either alone or together. It's probably not as bad as it seems.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If there is anything you have to do that requires a clear head it might pay to wait until Thursday or even Friday. Until then it's unlikely you will be thinking straight.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You will find something to smile about today — in fact you will wonder how and why you allowed yourself to get so upset over the weekend.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you get the chance to resolve a dispute of some kind you must not let it pass you by. You may have to make an apology you don't really mean but it's better than letting a senseless feud drag on indefinitely.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Even if you try to explain yourself in the simplest of terms you will still encounter people who refuse to believe what you say. Don't waste time because you have more important, and more exciting, things to do.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try not to make a decision about a money or business matter today. For best results you should wait until the second half of the week. Even then it might be best to do nothing at all.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Discuss your differences with a rival openly and honestly today. The approaching full moon in your sign makes you more emotional than you need to be, so strive to be rational.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Doubts and fears you thought you had conquered will make a reappearance but you must not let them take over your life. Most of what you are worrying about is just in your head.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are in one of your serious moods at the moment and anyone who tries to play games likely to regret it. But don't go too far or you could turn a friend into an enemy.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will find yourself up against someone who is just too tough for you today. Do you back off or do you go down fighting? Logic may have little to do with the answer.

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